

Detailed Action

Form PTO-892 of 17 November 2008 is included in this Office Action to correct an inadvertent typographical error. The reference, Johnston et al. was listed on the form without citing the year of the reference. The year of publication, 1995, was added to the included form. The Examiner regrets any confusion due to the inadvertent error.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Kolom on 7 July 2009.

Claim 13 is amended as follows:

In line 1 of the claim, please delete "the" in between "wherein" and "mutated" and insert -- said- - in between "wherein" and "mutated".

Claim 31 is amended as follows:

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Claim 32 is amended as follows:

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Claim 35 is amended as follows:

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Claim 36 is amended as follows:

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHULAMITH H. SHAFER whose telephone number is (571)272-3332. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

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